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SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS INVITES ALL VETERANS TO THE GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR WEST LOS ANGELES VETERANS HOME

EVENT: The California Department of Veterans Affairs is pleased to announce the

groundbreaking ceremony for the Veterans Home of California in West Los Angeles.

A dignified and memorable ceremony is planned for this event.

DATE: Friday, July 6, 2007

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: USDVA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare Campus

800 Bringham Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90049

WHO: Secretary Tom Johnson, California Department of Veterans Affairs

Secretary James Nicholson, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Councilman Herb J. Wesson, Jr., City of Los Angeles Representatives from Veterans Service Organizations

Local Elected Representatives

BACKGROUND: The West Los Angeles Veterans Home, together with the Lancaster and Ventura

Veterans Homes, form the Greater Los Angeles Ventura Counties (GLAVC) Project. The total cost for constructing these three veterans homes is approximately \$299.6 million. The United States Department of Veterans Affairs' contribution to construct all three Southern California veterans homes is about \$179.8 million and California's

contribution estimated at \$119.8 million.